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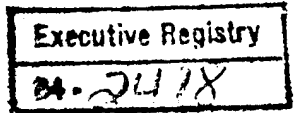
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Dear Mr. William Casey

Enclosed is a copy of Volume 18 in our "Soviet Military Thought" book series. This book, Fundamentals of Tactical Command and Control, was written by a group of three Soviet authors (D. A. Ivanoy, V. P. Savel'yev, and P. V. Shemanskiy), and it was published by the Soviet Ministry of Defense Publishing House. The book addresses both theoretical and practical command and control issues with illustrations drawn from Soviet and Western experience. The fact that this is a second, revised and expanded, edition attests to the importance the Soviets place on the subject.

In the theoretical framework for the book, the authors divide the command and control process into nine functional areas. Each of these areas is then treated in a separate chapter. They range from acquiring and processing information on the situation; decision-making and operational planning; disseminating missions and organizing cooperation; to monitoring the overall process and adjusting as necessary. Of these functions, the authors single out the first three as being absolutely essential during both preparations for combat and actual combat.

On the practical side, the authors discuss command post composition, deployment, and reconstitution. Also included are sample planning documents, tasking lists, and decision-making aids for the commander and his staff. Overall, the book is a comprehensive treatise on command and control from the Soviet perspective.

We believe Fundamentals of Tactical Command and Control provides valuable insights into Soviet command and control concepts and will be especially useful now with the current U.S. emphasis on command, control, and communications countermeasures.

Sincerely

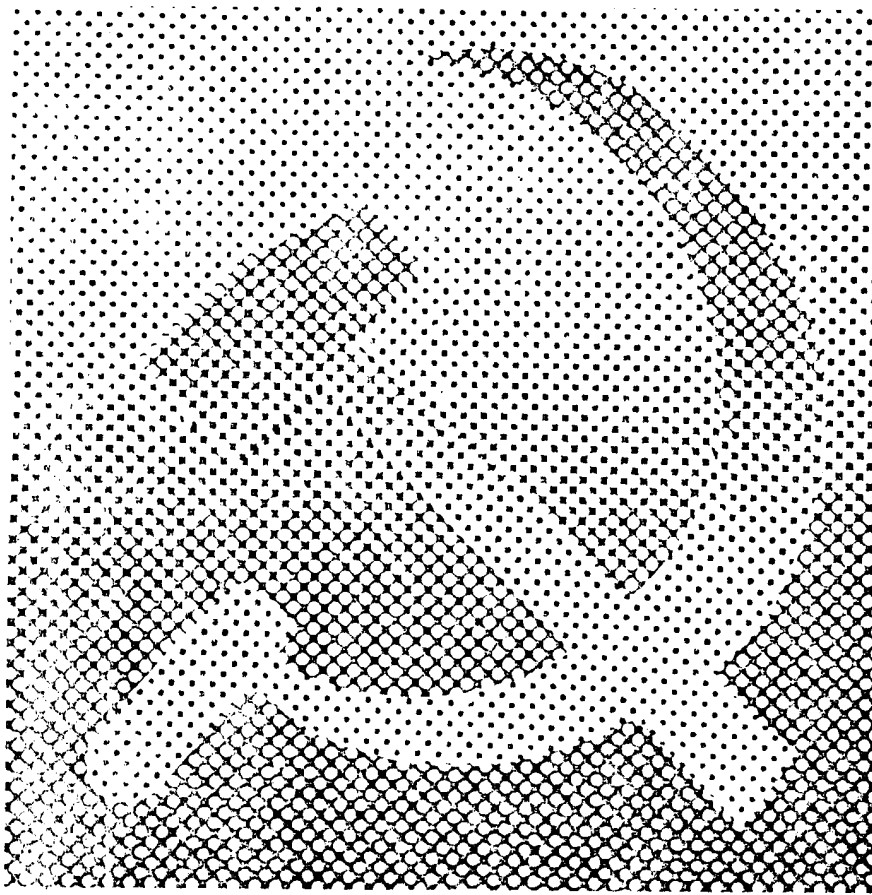
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Fundamentals of Tactical Command and Control

A Soviet View



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